FOR JUNGLE KING MATT AND HIS SEXY

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parisons with Ordinary ton, 24, and his missus, her winner Chantelle ild do him and girlfriend of favours at all.

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SPECIAL BY KIM DAWSON

cian now. I don't want to be in the celebrity world. My day job is as a musician and after that I go home to my girlfriend, see my friends and go to the local pub.

"A lot of people ask me why I wanted to go on I'm A Celebrity when I was doing all right, but that's precisely why I did it.

"I thought a prime-time TV show would boost my music career. ITV approached me four times and in the end I didn't think enough people were hearing my record.
"It's not for the A-list radio. They prefer to play Snow Patrol and The Feeling. There's no outlet for pop, so I did I'm A Celebrity."

The former Busted lad has been tipped to make millions following his win in the cian now. I don't want to be in the celebrity

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Aussie jungle, but insists he's no intention of selling out.
He says: "It's been said I'll earn £5m, but there won't be an autobiography or an 'at home' shoot with my girlfriend. I don't want to be known as one of those people." Aside from music, it's obvious that Matt's big passion is sexy MTV presenter Emma, 30. And he can't wait to spend the festive season with her.
He says: "Emma's written me a list of

season with her.

He says: "Emma's written me a list of things she wants for Christmas. But girls are pretty easy to buy for, aren't they? Shoes and underwear always go down well.

"She's Just done a programme for Fox Sports in America, but she prefers to keep

working in the UK. We don't like being

working in the UK. We don't like being away from each other. When you travel as much as we do for work, you often end up having a telephone relationship.

"But we're spending Christmas with Emma's family and Boxing Day with mine, then going snowboarding in Chamonix for New Year, which I'm looking forward to."

But aren't most pop stars banned by their labels from doing any dangerous sports in case they hurt themselves?

Break

Matt says with a laugh: "I'm not meant to, but f*** it! And if I break my leg, it'll give me some time with Emma.
"We've not had enough time together since I got back from the jungle. But I wouldn't have it any other way. My album is out on Monday, so I want to promote it—and she understands. I'd love it to be No.1."

Don't Let It Go To Waste, the title track of

Don't Let It Go To Waste, the title track of Matt's debut solo album, is a song the industry has been talking about all year.

We on the Hot column have backed his solo project from the very beginning and were chuffed when first single, Up All Night, reached No.7 earlier this year.

Now we hope the nice guy of pop will see his album hit the top spot, thanks in part to his reality telly success.

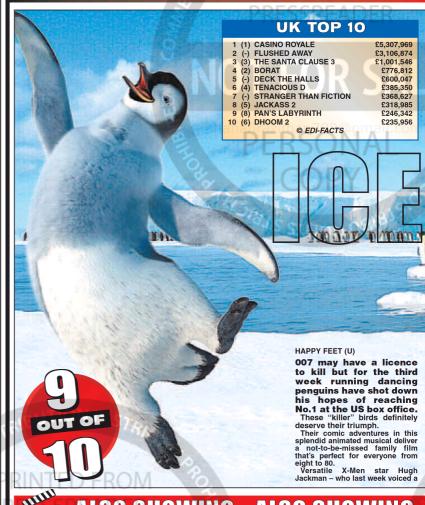
But Matt says winning I'm A Celeb has not been the best thing to happen to him this year. He says: "The highlight was playing V Festival and having people rush into the tent. That was the coolest thing. "Now I just want people to hear and enjoy my album. And I really appreciate the Dally Star's support. You've been good to me."

No more than you deserve, Mr Willis.

Matt's album, Don't Let It Go To Waste, is released on Monday on Mercury Records.







ALSO SHOWING... ALSO SHOWING

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THE COVENANT (12A)
FEAR fans who are fond of the Brides of Dracula are unlikely to welcome the four Sons of Ipswich whose activities in this would-be shocker are pointless. They are students at a posh US school who have been born with supernatural powers.
Unfortunately the outbreak of occult mayhem that erupts as they fight for evil is stupendously silly.

VERDICT: 2/10

MANHATTAN (12A)
MORE than 25 years ago Woody Allen was making great movies like this – about a 42-year-old TV writer who enjoys an affair with a 17-year-old. Sadly, he now makes duds like Match Play.

VERDICT: 8/10

BUGSY MALONE (U)
ALAN Parker's classic 1976 kids' musical, led by
Jodie Foster, about 1920s gangsters armed with
guns that fire cream has been on telly so often its
hard to see why you should pay to see it again.

VERDICT: 7/10

Lennon's war not over yet

THE US VS. JOHN LENNON (12A)

IF you're a devout fan who truly believes John Lennon was not just a Beatle and not simply a popular guitarplaying long-haired lad from Liverpool, but a deepthinking intellectual, you'll love this.

But if you think he was just one more pop star whose worldwide fame allowed him to make major media waves even when he had nothing significant to say, then this painfully partial film will get right up your nose. While well-chosen, well-used 1960s news footage of US youths in rebellion against the Vietnam War still packs a powerful punch, by contrast contrast

against the vietnam war still packs a powerful punch, by contrast Lennon's shallow fortune cookie-like musings seem facile and shallow.

The usual suspects, led by Yoko Ono, giving evidence against Richard Nixon for hounding Lennon and trying to deport him are clearly seem insufferably blased. The film's thumped-out message appears to be "Nixon Bad, Lennon Good".

"Nixon Good".
Yes, Nixon was a complete rogue, but that still doesn't make Lennon a latter-day saint.

VERDICT: 9/10 for was morshippers,

Lennon worshippers, 3/10 for unbelievers



THE NATIVITY
STORY (PG)
THE keynote to director
Catherine Hardwicke's
sober retelling of Jesus's
birth is sincerity.
Happily, there are none
of the sadistic flourishes

tined to be a Christmas treat.

VERDICT: 7/10



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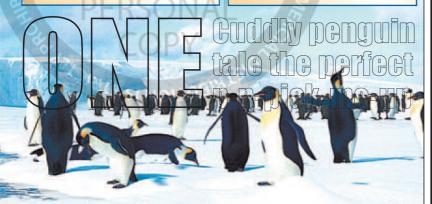
US TOP 10

- HAPPY FEET CASINO ROYALE
- THE NATIVITY STORY DECK THE HALLS
 THE SANTA CLAUSE 3
- BORAT TURISTAS
- STRANGER THAN FICTION
 VAN WILDER: THE RISE OF TAX
- 10 (6) FLUSHED AWAY

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DVD TOP 10

- THE DA VINCI CODE (1)
- (2) (3) (4) (5) X-MEN: THE LAST STAND
- POSEIDON
- THE BREAK UP
 MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE 3
- THE INSIDE MAN 16 BLOCKS
- JUST MY LUCK
- (8) **UNITED 93**
- 10 (10) THE LAKE HOUSE



rat in another animated comedy, Flushed Away – this week is an emperor penguin who tells his young son Mumble that tap dancing is "just not penguin".

Which is Mumble's bad luck – he's a dashing dancer who could hold his own with Fred Astaire. But among the Antarctic emperor penguins you're nobody unless you can sing – and Mumble is to singing what Long John Silver is to tap dancing.

So when he's ejected from his society for tapping away, is he downhearted? Nope.

Mumbles' amazing adventures involve, among others, strange

Spanish-speaking penguins, killer whales and humans before he finally proves he's a real hero. It comes over like March Of The Penguins decorated with a strong story, cracking characters, splendid all-singing, all-dancing feathered heroes and some of the best dance numbers ever filmed.

Brutal

(Strangely, though, considering the snowy setting, co-writer and director George Miller ignored two classic cool songs, Beak To Beak and I Only Have Ice For You). Miller, who made his name with

the brutal action classic Mad Max,

couldn't have made a more different movie. Happy Feet hits the screen dancing, bubbles with fastmoving fun and excitement and is thoroughly entertaining from start to finish.

to finish.

Elijah Wood, who speaks as Mumble, shows he's more than just a Hobbit, Robin Williams hams happily as the voice of a Mexican penguin who is a randy guru and who sings My Way in Spanish, while Nicole Kidman is cute as Mumble's mum.

Magnificent animation, super song-and-dance, cute comedy, top-notch thrills – who on earth could ask for anything more?

ALSO SHOWING... ALSO SHOW

Holiday romance for lovelorn Can

THE HOLIDAY (12A)

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IF YOU fancy a feelgood and amusingly corny rom-com that's so warm-hearted your vest could burst into flames, you'll be well pleased watching Kate Winslet and Cameron Diaz

you'll be well pleased watching Kate Winslet and Cameron Diaz (right) find real romance – but not with each other, of course. Journalist Kate still hankers for love rat Rufus Sewell, while driven LA career woman Cameron has just ditched her boyfriend when the women meet online and decide to repair their aching hearts by swapping homes for Christmas. For my money, Kate gets the best of the deal when she ends up in a Hollywood mansion and meets Jack Black, while Cameron gets an Olde English Heritage-style cottage in the snowy Cotswolds – and Jude Law into the bargain.

Naturally, true love triumphs

for the lovelorn ladies. Director

for the lovelorn ladies. Director Nancy Meyers's script is nothing if not predictable but the journey is great fun thanks to the characters, a delightful cast and stylish dialogue.

Winslet is bright and moving at times and scoops the acting honours, Diaz does her ditzy turn delightfully and is funny trying to cope with Olde England's odd olde-worldie ways and Black is unusually restrained and the better for it. Even Law gives a halfway

restrained and the better for it.
Even Law gives a halfway
decent performance, although
he didn't quite convince me that
his real romance was with
Cameron and not himself.
This is a funny, glossy and
glamorous chick flick that definitely doesn't lay an egg and
which offers two witty
romances for the price of one.
Go ahead and enjoy it.

VERDICT: 8/10

COMING SOON

NEXT WEEK: A young farm boy's discovery of a dragon's egg leads the lad on a magical mission to save his home from a malign monarch in the fantasy adventure Eragon, which co-stars Jeremy Irons, John Malkovich, Rachel Weisz, Robert Carlyle and Sienna Guillory.







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Rather than live with the mother of all pisstakes, Eric heads off to the local college in search of a student who'll turn him from boy to man.

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To find out if he succeeds in his quest, wander down to your DVD store and bag a copy of American Pie presents: The Naked Mile.

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MERICAN PIE 5: THE NAKED MILE

slice of pie? If you de comedy flavoured

FRANK'S DVD SLOT

MONSTER HOUSE (PG)
(Columbia TriStar DVD)
THIS immensely enjoyable, hilarious, scary – but not too terrifying – animated adventure is set at Halloween but it's a terrific treat at any time of the year.

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a terrific treat at any time of the year.
Children of all ages can't fail to be thrilled and laugh in equal measure as young DJ and his podgy pal Chowder (vividly voiced by Michael Musso and Sam Lerner) go up against a sinister supernatural house they believe is eating people.
The house, with its windows for eyes, jagged planks for teeth and an overlong carpet which serves as a tongue, is a memorable movie creation and the cracking climax when they take on the mad mansion in a wild life-or-death battle is terrific. wild l terrific

terrific.

The animation is excellent and vocal casting – including Steve Buscemi and Kathleen Turner – is spot-on.

VERDICT: 8/10

FAMILY CHOICE
CARS (PG) (Disney/Pixar DVD)
"DON'T leave me here! I'm in hilbilly hell! My IQ's dropping by the second!" bleats egodriven racing car Lightning McQueen when he finds himself stuck in a backwater town. Unluckly for Lightning, he's sentenced to stay until he finishes resurfacing the main street instead of going to California to race in the famous Piston Cup.
This latest offering from Pixar is an under-fuelled animated comedy whose entire cast consists of autos.
But it features a classy collec-

But it features a classy collection of actors to put the words into the "mouths" of the four-wheeled stars of the show.

wheeled stars of the show.
Paul Newman, for instance,
must have been well-pleased to
find himself playing a grumpy
1951 Hudson Hornet who is
some 30 years younger than he
is. Even Brit TV car expert
Jeremy Clarkson adds his vocal
talents.

VERDICT: 5/10

BEST BUY
STEPHEN KING BOX SET (18)
(MGM DVD £24.99)
WHEN seasonal cheer leaves
you feeling a tad warm, why
not chill your blood to perfection with this trio of super
shock classics from America's
Master of Horror.
In 1976's Carrie, director
Brian De Palma strikes gory
gold with the terrifying tale of
young high school pupil Sissy
Spacek unleashing lethal ESP
powers against cruel students
who torment her.
Misery is the kindest word for

who torment her.
Misery is the kindest word for
the torment unlucky author
James Caan suffers when he's
injured in a car accident and
rescued by his deranged No.1
fan, chillingly, played by Oscarwinner Kathy Bates.
And Timothy Hutton has a
series of fearsome encounters
when he makes the mistake of
trying to kill off his successful

when he makes the mistake or trying to kill off his successful horror writer alter ego who takes on a grisly life of his own in the terrifying The Dark Half. VERDICT: 8/10



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TV GUIDE -

BBC One

6.00 Breakfast (W) (S) 16210175 9.15 Don't Get Done, Get Dom (W) (S) 1023717 10.00 Homes Under The Hammer (R) (W) (S) Followed by BBC News, (W) (S) Weather 48866 11.00 To Buy Or Not To Buy Sarah Walker presents (W) (S) 1408

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11.30 My Life For Sale (S) Followed by BBC News, (S) Weather. 1610934
12.15 Bargain Hunt Tom Wonnacott challenges teams of mothers and daughters, (R) (W) (S) 1643069
1.00 BBC News, Weather 62446
1.30 Local News, (W) (S) Weather 63936525

1.30 Local News, (W) (S)
Weather 63936525
1.40 Neighbours (AD) (S) 99558446
2.05 Doctors (W) (S) 69986205
2.35 Murder, She Wrote Margot Kidder stars. (R) 2142798
3.20 BBC News, Weather;
Local News (W) (S) 8576069
3.25 CBBC: Jakers! (R) (W) (S) 4728446 3.50 Watch My Chops (AD) (R) (W) (S) 3464576 4.05 The Basil Brush Show (R) (W) (S) 1436601
4.30 Jackanory (S) 6525717 4.45
The Flainty OddParents (S) 9095175
4.55 The Slammer (W) (S) 5571205
5.25 Newsround (W) (S) 5677311
5.35 Neighbours Zeke makes a discovery (AD) (R) (W) (S) 612040
6.00 BBC News, (S) Weather 427
6.30 Local News Programmes, (W) (S) Weather 779

BBC Two

7.00 CBBC: Batfink (R) (SL) (W) (S) 3189934 7.15 WITCH (R) (SL) (W) (S) 4985446 7.40 Fergus McPhall (W) (S) 7929156 8.05 Serious Arctic (R) (W) (S) 7882601 8.30 CBeebies: The Koala Brothers (R) (W) (S) 7285040 8.40 Underground Ernie (R) (W) (S) 2309885 8.55 Brum (R) (W) (S) 2309885 8.55 Brum (R) (W) (S) 2704175 9.05 Balamory (AD) (R) (W) (S) Followed by Pingu. (R) (W) (S) 5119137 9.30 Doodle Do (R) (W) (S) 2526953 9.50 Step Inside (R) (W) (S) 4957954 10.00 Barnaby Bear (AD) (R) (W) (S) 7825866 10.15 Our Planet (R) (S) 7848717 10.30 Schools 96934 12.00 The Daily Politics Andrew

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12.00 The Daily Politics Andrew Neil presents. (W) (S) 31953

12.30 Working Lunch Experts answer viewers' questions. (S) 11866

1.30 Live Seniors Tennis

The BlackRock Masters presented by John Inverdale from the Royal Albert Hall. (W) (S) 90833205

3.15 Castle In The Country With Nicki Chapman. (W) (S) 877359

3.45 Flog It! (W) (S) 4010798

4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook With Johnny Savoir. (W) (S) 7038408

5.15 Weakest Link (R) (S) 1538359

6.00 Nature's Calendar (S) 999

Nature's Calendar (S) 999 30 Strictly Come Dancing – It Takes Two Analysis of the dancing couples' progress. (W) (S) 791

7.00 A Year At Kew A behind-the-scenes look at the Royal

Botanic Gardens through the

seasons. (R) (W) (S) 2779 7.30 Christine's Garden

With horticulturist Christine Walkden. (R) (W) (S) 205

8.00 Johnny Kingdom - A
Year On Exmoor Johnny
visits the Exmoor Pony Centre.
(AD) (W) (S) 1427
8.30 Gardeners' World
Special: Healing Plants
Septh Burge periper heads

Sarah Raven explores herbal medicine. (W) (S) 8214

9.00 Simon Schama's Power

Of Art The historian recounts the story behind a series

of Mark Rothko paintings commissioned in 1958 for the

New York's Seagram Building. Last in series. (AD) (W) (S) 7311

Four Seasons restaurant in

10.00 QI Vic Reeves, Roger McGough and Mark Steel guest. (W) (S) 32682 10.30 Newsnight Kirsty Wark

11.00 Newsnight Review

11.35 Later With Jools

The week's cultural highlights. (W) (S) 206243

Holland Scissor Sisters perform Last in series. (W) (S) 377205

12.35 BBC News 24 (S) *5014016* **1.20** Close **2.00** BBC Learning

presents a analysis of the dav's events. (W) (S) 41330

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– A YEAR

ON EXMOOR:

The expert pays a visit to the pony

centre.

8pm

Channel 4

Making It (R) 2253750 The Hoobs (AD) (R,S) 5609224 The Hoobs (AD) (R) (SL) 6.10

Freshly Squeezed 4957663 Friends (AD) (R,S) 4950750 Everybody Loves Raymond

Will & Grace (R.S) 78888885

8.25 Will & Grace (R,S) /889885
 8.55 Frasier (R,S) 2891330
 9.20 Frasier (R,S) 5109750
 9.50 ER (R,S) 8419069
 10.40 ER The staff of County General welcome a battle-weary Carter back to the ER. (R,S) 6851601
 11.30 King Of The Hill Bobby takes Hank's credit read (R,S) 8175

11.30 king of rine Hill booby takes Hank's credit card. (R.S.) 8175
12.00 News At Noon (S) 26021
12.30 The King Of Queens Spence pretends to be Doug. (R,S) 81446
1.00 Channel 4 Racing From Chettenham Including the 3.05
Pertemps H'cap Hurdle (Qualifier)
(3m) (S) 292682

(3m). (S) 292682 3.30 Countdown (S) 3894682 4.15 Deal Or No Deal Gameshow, with Noel Edmonds. (S) 7283717
5.00 The New Paul O'Grady
Show (S) 9446
6.00 The Simpsons Marge is

diagnosed with stress, so the family decide to hire a nanny. (R,S) 137 6.30 Hollyoaks Amy is smitten as she and Josh share a festive

moment. (S) 717 LINIANIMOLIS:

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6.00 Milkshake! Elmo's World 6.00 Milkshake! Elmo's World (R.S) 30883156 6.15 Rolle Polle Olie (R.S) 44830595 6.40 MechaNick (R.S) 94992088 6.50 Hi-5 (R) (SL) 94992088 6.50 Hi-5 (R) (SL) 94992088 7.35 The Little Princess (R.S) 9793089 7.45 Make Way For Noddy (R.S) 9773205 8.00 Fifi And The Flowertots (R) 5450750 8.15 Peppa Pig (R.S) 90919779 8.20 Funky Valley (R.S) 5660381 8.30 Thomas & Friends (S) 5346514 8.45 Old Bear Stories (R.S) 5341069 9.00 The Wright Stuff (S) 2426514 0.30 Trisha Goddard (R) 6133330 11.30 five news (S) 2284021 12.00 Home And Away Matilda struggles at the refreat. (AD) (R)

12.00 Home And Away Matilda struggles at the retreat. (AD) (B) (SL) (S) 3655021
12.30 BrainTeaser Ouiz designed to test the mind. 6144446
1.30 FILM: Angel in Green 1987 (12) Wartime romance, with Susan Dey. (S) 23664137
3.35 five news update (S) 5558208

3.40 FILM: Invisible Child 1999 (PG) Drama, starring Rita Wilson and Victor Garber. (S) 1548330 5.30 five news (S) 9557243 6.00 Home And Away Mumma

Rose resorts to drastic measures to get what she wants. (AD) (S) 9554156

6.30 In The Grid With Les Dennis.
Followed by Weather. 9545408

(H) (W) (S) 411163 4.00 Hornd Henry (R) (W) (S) 489459 4.15 Bel's Boys (AD) (W) (S) 4817446 4.30 The New Worst Witch (W) 330 00 The Price Is Right Double bill. Joe Pasquale hosts an updated version of the classic gameshow, in which viewers can phone in and win cash prizes. (W) (S) 8576

6.00 Local News, (S) Weather 595 6.30 ITV News, (S) Weather 175

5,30 ITV News (S) 36156 6.00 GMTV (W) (S) 8118040 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show (R) (W) (S) 4241330 10.30 This Morning (W) (S) 49663 12.30 Vanessa's Real Lives Adult star Michelle Thorne reveals why she loves her inh but wants

Adult star Michelle Thorne reveals why she loves her job but wants to be taken more seriously, while Hayley Martin tearfully reveals the extent of her obsessive-compulsive illness, (W) (S) 64232 30 ITV News (S) 82175 The Price Is Right (S) 8717 30 Dickinson's Real Deal

A Londoner turns down an offer of

£2.500 for a collection of children's

2.3,500 for a collection of cnildrens book illustrations and goes to auction, hoping to make a lot more. David Dickinson presents. (W) (S) 13446
 3.28 Local Weather (S) 8560408
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(R) (W) (S) 4111663 4.00 Horrid



GOT NEWS FOR YOU: Rob Brydon takes charge of the quiz show, 9pm

7.00 A Question Of Sport With former Sale Sharks rugby union coach Philippe Saint

Andre. (W) (S) 4137
7.30 Big Cat Diary Jonathan Scott finds out whether cheetah cub Toto survived the baboon attack, (R) (W) (S) 663

8.00 EastEnders Libby makes a startling discovery. (ÁD) (W) (S) 3885

8.30 Out-Take TV Anne Robinson presents embarrassing clips of Little Britain star David Walliams. (W) (S) 2392

9.00 Have I Got News For You Rob Brydon hosts the satirical quiz. (W) (S) 4972
9.30 Jam & Jerusalem

The annual ceremony of the Beating of the Bounds is used as an excuse for a booze-up on the moor. (W) (S) 78972

10.00 BBC News (W) (S) 34040

10.30 Local News, (W) (S)

Weather 181885

10.35 Friday Night With
Jonathan Ross Oscarwinning actor Denzel Washington
discusses his latest role as
Doug Carlin in Tony Scott's movie Deja Vu. (W) (S) 979392

11.35 FILM: Forces Of Nature

1999 (12) Harassed publisher Ben Affleck faces an unexpected series of obstacles while travelling to his wedding - and a chance encounter with vivacious Sandra Bullock only adds to his confusion as he begins to feel stirrings of love for her. Romantic comedy. (W) (S) Followed by Weatherview. *950243*

1.20 BBC News 24 58378557



Anna calls it a day and leaves the bunker.

7.00 Channel 4 News Including sport and weather. (S) 390953

7.35 Unreported World Investigation into the extreme right-wing movement in Japan. (S) 617021

8.00 Unanimous Lusipher takes a mysterious phone call and is forced to make an important decision that affects the whole group, while Anna walks out of the bunker, leaving panic in the air. (S) 2243

9.00 The Simpsons Homer starts his own web page. With Patrick McGoohan. (R,S) 7682

9.30 The Simpsons Aliens Kodos and Kang probe Homer's memory, viewing a series of episodes from his life. (S) 61682

10.00 8 Out Of 10 Cats Topical panel show. Presented by Jimmy Carr. Last in series. (S) 266205

10.35 Blunder Franco Franco serenades his senile mother. With David Mitchell. (S) 245972

11.10 The Russell Brand Show The comic presents sketches, interviews and music (S) 933885

11.55 My Name Is Earl Jov has trouble enrolling her children at camp. (R,S) 350798

12.30 The Album Chart Show Faithless showcase tracks from Faithless showcase tracks from their new album. 66809 1.00 Gumball 3000 18644 1.30 FILM: Velvet Goldmine 1998 (15) Glam rock drama, starring Christian Bale. (SL) (S) 29580606 3.40 World Cup Snowboard 798996 5.25 Countdown (R,S) 4735880



MARRIED AN AXE MURDERER: Mike Myers stars in the comedy, 10.55pm

7.00 five news (S) 9558773

7.30 Pimp My Ride UK The team work on a mobile DJ's 1990 Bedford Rascal. (S) Followed by five news update. 9534392

8.00 World's Strongest Man **Super Series** The second qualifying event of the Super Series at the Olympic Stadium in Moscow, where the top four competitors will earn a place in the finals in China. (S) Followed by five news at 9. 3548446

9.00 FILM: A Kiss Before

Dying 1991 (18) A charming psychopath murders his pregnant girlfriend and marries her twin sister to worm his way into the family business Suspense thriller based on the novel by Ira Levin, featuring a terrifyingly believable performance by Matt Dillon as the killer, but two laughably bad ones from Sean Young as both siblings. Max von Sydow also stars. (S) 46726427

10.55 FILM: So I Married An Axe Murderer 1993 (15) Side splitting offbeat comedy, starring Mike Myers as an unlucky-in-love poet who marries a beautiful butcher, but begins to suspect she's a bloodthirsty killer with a penchant for bumping off husbands. The story is a bit convoluted and silly, but Myers is a joy to watch. With Nancy Travis and Brenda Fricker. (S) 20287514

12.45 The Great Big Quiz Late-night interactive quiz show. 68469373 5.35-6.00 Wildlife SOS: The work of volunteers treating sick, injured and orphaned animals at a wildlife sanctuary. (R,S) 91227828



CORONATION Audrey's dinner with Bill doesn't go to plan, 7.30pm

7.00 Emmerdale Jack feels guilty when Diane confides the reason for her recent behaviour. (AD) (W) (S) 9205 7.30 Coronation Street Audrey

invites Bill for dinner, but is so nervous she forgets to cook the food. (AD) (W) (S) *359*

8.00 Consenting Adults? Tonight Fiona Foster

investigates proposed changes to the rape laws. (AD) (S) 8953

8.30 Airline A big freeze across Europe brings chaos to Luton airport. (W) (S) 7088

9.00 2006 Greatest Hits

Vernon Kay presents a rundown of the year's best-selling releases and talks to members of the headlining acts. Jamiroquai perform their classic Cosmic Girl from their greatest hits collection High Times, while Keane play Is It Any Wonder and Razorlight reprise their hit single America. (S) 7069

10.30 ITV News Including Local News and Weather. (S) *45156*

11.00 Take That Live: The **Ultimate Tour** Gary Barlow, Mark Owen, Jason Orange and Howard Donald perform a selection of greatest hits and songs from their new album in a concert at the City of Manchester Stadium. (S) 34663

12.00 Make Your Play Interactive game show offering viewers the chance to use their skill and chance to use their skill and judgement to win nightly cash prizes of up to £50,000. (W) Followed by ITV News. 42112809 4.10 60 Minute Makeover (R) (SL) (W) (S) 2030441 5.00-5.30 ITV Nightscreen 72354

1.20 Close 2.00 BBC Learning Zone: General Interest: Ever Wondered About Food? (S) 28462 2.30 Population Transition In Italy 25557 3.00 Church And Mosque: Venice And Istanbul (S) 13052 3.30 A Tale Of Two Capitals (S) 13083 4.30 The Emperor's Gift (S) 63511 5.00 Orsanmichele (S) 82977 (S) SUBTITLES (R) REPEAT (AD) AUDIO DESCRIPTION (SL) SIGN LANGUAGE (W) WIDESCREEN

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9.25 Coronation Street Norris thinks he's caught the graffiti artist in the act. (AD) (R) (W) (S) 5169311 9.55 Emmerdale Paul and Emily

head off to meet their Internet dates (AD) (R) (W) (S) 6553408

10.25 The Montel Williams Show

10.25 The Montel Williams Show Topical debate. (R) 9572885 11.10 Judge Judy (R) (S) 8334363 12.30 Coronation Street (R) 50863 1.00 Emmerdale Luke takes exception to Victoria's remarks.

exception to Victoria's remarks, (AD) (R) (W) (S) 15576

1.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show Talk show, (R) (W) (S) 2149175

2.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show Talk show, (R) 6577682

3.40 Ricki Lake (R) 2076021

4.30 Sally Jessy Raphael
US chat show, (R) 7924750

5.15 Judge Judy (R) (S) 787392

5.45 Movies Now (R) 870137

6.00 The New Adventures Of

6.00 The New Adventures Of

Superman (R) 68682

O The Xtra Factor: The Aftermath (R) (W) 92514

O The Xtra Factor: Xcess All

8.00 The Xtra Factor: Xcess All Areas Ben Shephard goes behind the scenes. (W) 78934
9.00 Trinny & Susannah Undress A woman refuses to take the duo's advice on board. (S) 98798
10.00 Dating The Enemy A Chelsea girl spends the weekend with a slacker. (R) (W) (S) 36595
10.30 2006: The Greatest Hits Downloaded Anthony Crank reveals the top music stories. 13408

reveals the top music stories. 13408 11.30 Coronation Street (S) 86476

12.00 Test Drive My Girlfriend
(R) (W) 78170 12.30 Playdate: ITV
Play (W) 9992606 4.00 Playalong:
ITV Play 37489

ITV3

5.05 ITV3 Nightscreen 1803427 6.00 Survival (R) 8373576 7.00 Film File 3168446 7.10 Peak Practice Simon Shepherd stars. (R) (W) (S) 5460682 8.05 Ironside (R) 9382798 9.05 The Rockford Files Drama, starring lamps Genry (S) 2251330

starring James Garner. (S) 2251330 10.10 Faith In The Future Comedy

10.10 Faith In The Future Comedy starring Julia Sawalha. (R) 5911953
10.40 Faith In The Future With Lynda Bellingham. (R) 2496601
11.15 Pie In The Sky (R) 9923069
12.20 Rumpole Of The Bailey

(R) 2596601
1.30 Agatha Christie's Poirot
Starring David Suchet. 3070040
2.35 Ironside (R) 6151381
3.35 No Job For A Lady Sitcom,
starring Penelope Keith. (R) 4381798
4.10 The Rockford Files 9914205
5.10 Peak Practice Starring Joseph
Millson. (R) (W) (S) 7982040
6.15 No Job For A Lady 8176934
6.50 Rumpole Of The Bailey

6.15 No Job For A Lady 817693 6.50 Rumpole Of The Bailey (R) 1487408 8.00 The Two Ronnies 8609021 9.00 FILM: My Blue Heaven 1990 (PG) Comedy, starring Steve Martin. 8619408

11.00 Tales Of The Unexpected 11.30 Tales Of The Unexpected

(H) 6236885 **12.05 Verdict** (R) (S) 6730002 **1.10** Framed 6717731 **2.05** Peak Practice 8088408 **3.00** Noah's Ark 3993557 **3.55-5.55** Teleshopping 2703996

ITV4

6.00 Married - With Children Comedy, starring Ed O'Neill and Katey Sagal. (R) 86894243 6.30 Married - With Children Al becomes frustrated with Peggy.

(R) 86885595

Now And Again Michael is

7.00 Now And Again Michael is caught on camera. (R) 50595601
8.00 Martial Law Sammo investigates a car heist. 50571021
9.00 Police, Camera, Action!
Transport technology. (R) 50591885
10.00 FILM: Village of The Damned 1995 (15) Thriller, starring Christopher Reeve. 17377345

Christopher Heeve. 1737/345
12.00 LAPD: Life On The Beat (R)
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15555441 1.05 FILM: Village Of
The Damned 1995 (15) Sci-fi thriller,
starring Christopher Reeve.
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The Beat (R) (SL) 65477084 00 The Beat (R) (SL) 65487098 **4.00** Teleshopping 71356793 **5.40** ITV4 Nightscreen 65975460

TV GUIDE



2006: GREATEST HITS: ITV1, 9pm

WHAT'S HOT TO WATCH TODAY

KEANE, Razorlight, Snow Patrol, Scissor Sisters, Jamiroquai, James Morrison, Sugababes, Nelly Furtado, Pink, Jamelia, Paolo Nutini, Justin

Jamelia, Paolo Nutini, Justin Timberlake. No, I'm not just rattling out some random list of top pop acts for the sake of it – I'm specifically mentioning this lot because they all happen to be turning up tonight, to perform or just for a natter, on 2006: GREATEST HITS (ITVI, 9pm). Presented by Vernon Kay, but never mind, the show is a celebration of the year's hottest chart acts, with live performances on four different stages (not all at

once – that would be silly) and chats about the musical highlights of the past 12 months.

EARLIER on the same side, it looks like victory at last for anti-graffiti vigilante Norris in CORONATION STREET (7.30pm). Catching Michelle's lad Ryan red-handed, he warns: "You're not going to give me the slip again, you little thug."
Ryan protests: "I'm not a thug, it's art" – but Norris is unimpressed: "Try telling that to the police," he goes.
Elsewhere, the phone rings at Audrey's place just as she and Bill are about to share a slobbery snog. "It's Gail, fishing for gossip,"

explains Audrey. So, not the bad taste police, then?

MEANWHILE, in HOLLYOAKS
(Channel 4, 6.30pm), Zoe still hasn't sussed that Will is the creep who's been spying on her.
Jessica is a fat lot of good, naively encouraging her to think of this per vas boyfriend material. "It's obvious he's into you," she goes. "The question is, are you into him?"

Elsewhere, Man City fan Gilly isn't happy about wearing a red-and-white Santa hat to flog Christmas trees. "It Stuart Pearce sees me wearing this..." he moans.

Er, he probably won't, mate.

ALAN FRANK'S TELLY MOVIES

STAR RATINGS

*****Don't miss it ****Good ***Average **Time filler *Garbage!

ANGEL IN GREEN (TVM, 1987) *** Five 1.30-3.35pm. WW2 drama. US Marine Bruce Boxleitner tangles with American nun Susan Dey when he is put in charge of training the inhabitants of a Pacific island to fight the invading Japanese. Remake of Heaven Knows, Mr Allison, also starring Victor Garber.

INVISIBLE CHILD (TVM, 1999) *** Five 3.40-5.30pm. Melodrama. Nanny Rita Wilson finds herself having to battle to help the people who employ her because the mother is under the illusion that she has another daughter and the family plays along with her delusion. Also starring Victor Garber and May Whitman

Whitman.

A KISS BEFORE DYING (1991) **** Five 9.00-10.55pm. Thriller. Charming psychopath Matt Dillon murders his pregnant girlfriend and then woos and wins her twin sister in order to inveigle his way into the profitable family business. Also starring Sean Young (in a dual role), Max Von Sydow, Diane Ladd and Kim Fyfe.

So I MARRIED AN AXE MURDERER (1993) *** Five 10.55pm-12.45am. Black comedy. Mike Myers marries a beautiful butcher but married biss sours when he starts to suspect she is a bloodthirsty killer with a penchant for disposing of her husbands. Also starring Nancy Travis, Amanda Plummer and Brenda Fricker.

FORCES OF NATURE (1991) *** BBC1
11.35pm-1.20am. Romantic comedy.
Publisher Ben Affleck faces a series of
difficulties when he travels to his wedding and
things become more complicated when he
finds himself falling for Sandra Bullock along
the way. Also starring Maura Tierney, Steve
Zahn and Blythe Danner.

VELVET GOLDMINE (1998) *** C4 1.30-3.40am. Drama. American journalist Christian Bale is assigned to investigate the life of a Seventies glam rock star who became a legend when he was apparently murdered during a concert. Also starring Ewan McGregor, Jonathan Rhys Meyers and Toni Collete

REGIONAL VARIATIONS

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Soages 69449672 10.30 Young Black Farmers 11987224
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marrying Diane, his sweetheart of 10 years, decided not to bother. Allegedly, the documentary crew decided to up sticks and leave when Mik made this decision, until he persuaded them that his story had more merits than the straightforward bloke-in-wheel-chair-walks-again yarn.

Pain

And it did, because it contrasted so strongly with the tales of Judy and Sue, both wheel-chair-bound, both pinning their hopes on a controversial treatment in Holland. The cynical Mik got into a dialogue with the ladies, convinced they were setting themselves up for disappointment by chasing a cure. They, in turn, thought Mik was just protecting him-

self from emotional pain by convincing him-

...ON LAST NIGHT'S T

self from emotional pain by convincing himself that he didn't care about walking again. It was hard to decide who won the argument. Mik got married, turned down the operation, but admitted that he often endured pain, and that his flippant attitude was just a suit of armour. Meanwhile, hours after being injected with stem cells in a Dutch clinic, Sue was walking around her hotel room – convinced that a miracle had taken place. Pointedly, though, the film didn't catch up with Sue again – although it did tell us that her doctor was under investigation by the authorities. We were left to draw our own conclusions from that, as we were from the programme as a whole – something of a milnor miracle in modern-day television.



SKY MOVIES 1

6.00am Wilder Days (2003) (PG) Heart-warming family drama. 32298866 7.45 Crazy For Christmas (2005) Drama, starring Andrea Horn. DZUDUCZET 9.30 A Pig's Tale (1995) (PG)

DO miracles happen? Possibly not, but you could have forgiven musician Mik Scarlet for believing in them. As we learnt at the outset of CAN WALK WON'T WALK? (BBC2), Mik's

or GAN WALK WON! WALK? (BBC.2), MIR'S spine collapsed when he was a teenager, leaving him stuck in a wheelchair for the rest of his life. Describing himself as an "action-cripple", Mik refused to let this development deter his thirst for adventure – a trait which may have contributed to his being involved in a near-fatal road crash some years later. Bizarrely, a major operation after this led to the return of movement and sensation in

the return of movement and sensation in Mik's legs. Doctors told him that, provided he took the risk of a far-from-minor hip replacement procedure, he could one day walk again. But Mik, more interested in

Comedy, with Jake Beecham. 7971671 11.15 Between Love And Honor (1995) (PG) Fact-based drama, with Grant Show. 41469412 Grant Show. 41469412 1.00pm Wilder Days (2003) (PG)

2.45 Crazy For Christmas (2005)

4.30 A Pig's Tale (1995) (PG) Children's comedy, with Jake Beech

88234576 615 Between Love And Honor (1995) (PG) Fact-based drama, wit Grant Show. 46479069

8.00 Surviving Christmas (2004) e comedy, starring (12) Premiere. Festive comedy, starring Ben Affleck. 33478682 9.45 Jersey Girl (2004) (12) Drama starring Rop Affleck. 361514

tarring Ben Affleck 261514

11.45 Dangerous Minds (1995) (15)
Drama, with Michelle Pielfer, 505717

1.30am Beavis And Butt-Head Do America (1996) (12) Anarchic animation, featuring the MTV duo. 60441

3.00 The Dreamers (2003) (18)
Sizzling drama, starring Michael Pitt.

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RADIO

Radio 1 (FM: 97.6-99.8 MHz) 7.00

4.55-6.35 Crazy For Christmas (2005) Festive drama, starring Andrea Roth. 98240118

SKY MOVIES 2

6.40am The Derby Stallion (2005) Drama. 39409866 **8.40 Scrooged (1988) (PG)** Comedy.

10.40 Miracle On 34th Street 10.40 Miracte on 3-41 (1994) (U) Fantasy, 46319682 12.35pm Children Of The Bride (1990) (PG) Comedy, 55753311 2.15 The Derby Stallion (2005) Drama, 444359

4.00 Scrooged (1988) (PG) Festive comedy, starring Bill Murray. 6514 **6.00 Miracle On 34th Street (1994)** (U) Festive fantasy. 64717 8.00 The Interpreter (2004) (12) litical thriller, starring Nic Iman. 46344663

10.10 Starsky & Hutch (2004) (15) edy thriller, starring Ber

11.55 Anacondas: The Hunt For The Blood Orchid (2004) (12) 2137 Thriller, starring Johnny Messner. 8521 1.35am Passion Of Mind (2000) (12) Drama. 684712 3.20 'Til There Was You (1997) (PG) Comedy. 408880

5.15 7.00 Children Of The Bride (1990) (PG) Comedy. 10651977

SKY CINEMA 1

6.00am The World Moves On (1934) (U) Drama. 55038359 7.55 A Woman Of Paris (1923) (PG)

9.55 The Devil And Daniel Webster (1941) (U) Fantasy. 28986069 12.00noon Rebecca (1940) (PG)

Thriller. 40726330 2.10 The World Moves On (1934) (U) Drama. 7154866 3.55 The Devil And Daniel Webster (1941) (U) Fantasy. 2459750 5.50 Rebecca (1940) (PG) Romantic melodrama, with Laurence

8.00 Assassins (1995) (15) Thriller. starring Sylvester Stallone. 22232205 10.15 Coldblooded (1994) (18) Comedy, with Jason Priestley. 5810311

12.00midnight The Panic In Needle Park (1971) (18) Drama. 6737880 2.00 St Ives (1976) (15) Thriller.

3.50 X-Men: The Last Stand – Special 79839083 4.20 6.00 A Woman Of Paris (1923) (PG) Drama, 1143118

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Union Bourgoin v Leicester Tigers (Kick-o 7.30pm). 9481494 10.00 Soccer AM's All Sports Show

Highlights and bloopers. 5908175

11.00 Premier League Preview The

weekend's fixtures. 1785446

11.30 World Sport The latest events across

the globe. 9999311 12.00midnight European Cup Rugby Union 5811267 3.00 Victory Shield Football 3214471 5.00-6.00 Endzone 7268165

SKY SPORTS 3

SKY ONE

6.00am Taste 7.00 Pok Advanced Challenge 7.30 Yu-Gi-Oh! 8.00 Malcolm In The Middle 8.30 Malcolm In The Middle 9.00 Angel 10.00 Law & Order 11.00 Cold Case

BBC THREE

7.00pm Film: Chicken Run (2000) (U)
9.20 Robin Hood 9.00 Torchwood
9.50 BBC3 New Film-Makers Award
Winner: Cubs 10.00 EastEnders
10.30 Tittybangbang 11.00 Two
Pints Of Lager: Midnight Film Film Sundager
11.30 Two Pints Of Lager: Midnight The Real Hustle 12.30
Torchwood 1.20 BBC3 New Film-Makers Award 2.30 Two Pints Of Lager Award Packet Of Crisps 3.00
Honey We're Killing The Kids Revisited

BBC FOUR

7.00pm Voyages Of Discovery 8.00 The World 8.30 Nation On Film 9.00 Carmen Miranda: Beneath The Tutti Frutti Hat **10.00** Rock Goes To College: The Specials 10.30 QI 11.00 Don't Watch That, Watch This! 11.30 The Avengers 12.20am Carmen Miranda: Beneath The Tutti Frutti Hat 1.20 Nation On Film 1.50 Don't Watch That, Watch This! 2.20 Voyages Of Discovery **3.20** Carmen Miranda: Beneath The Tutti Frutti Hat

E4

6am Music: Uninterrupted 7.30 Wake Up With Lily Allen 8.30 Whateve Want 11.00 Nothing But Other Halves Noon Music: Uninte Freshly Squeezed Extra 2.00 Scrubs 3.00 Young, Sexy And Busted 4.00 Switched 4.30 Hollyoaks 5.00 Friends 6.00 Scrubs 7.00 Hollyoaks **7.30** Switched **8.00** Friends **9.00** Supernanny **10.00** Film: Under Siege (1992) (15) **11.55** Unanimous: The allout 12.30am Porn: A Famil Business 1.05 Supernanny 2.10 The Chris Isaak Show 2.50 Porn: A Family Business 3.20 Young, Sexy And Busted 4.05 Switched 4.25 Switched 4.50 Switched 5.10 Switched

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5.30 FIFA Futbol Mundial 6657446 6.00 Soccer AM's All Sports Show 2179576 7.00 Live European Cup Rugby

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SKY SPORTS 1

SPORT

6.00am Netball 53514 8.00 The Rugby Club 31311 **9.30** Football League Review 63137 **10.00** Aerobics Oz Style 88934 **10.30** 10.00 Aerobics Uz Style 88934 10.30
Transworld Sport 11953 11.30 Live European
Tour Golf The Dunhill Championship, 6927311
3.30pm Football League Review 1717
4.00 Endzone 51779
5.00 Live World Golf Championship Day
two of the Barbados World Cup. 534330
8.00 Live Victory Shield Football England
V Scotland (Kick-off 8.05pm), All the action from

10.00 Live Friday Fight Night Lee Meage

10.00 Live Friday Fight Night Lee Meage v Jon Thaxton. British lightweight title. 64243 12.00midnight Victory Shield Football 50170 2.00 Friday Fight Night 80557 4.00 Soccar AMs. All Sports Show 40199 5.00 Premier League Preview 47806 5.30-6.00 FIFA Futbol Mundial 93489

SKY SPORTS 2

6.00am Aerobics Oz Style 3389137 **6.30** Shift Adventure Snowriders 9919175 **7.00** Aerobics Oz Style 3322392 **7.30** Shift Adventure Snowriders 3341427 **8.00** Race World 3215576 9.00 Shift Adventure Snowriders 6572330 9.30 ATP Tennis 2190069 10.00 Test Cricket 3.00 3 mit Auswinse Shawlase S

8.30am Kiteboarding 82238224 9.00 Netball 12958359 11.00 Racing News 44556595 11.30 Aerobics Oz Style 44557224 12.00noon Race World 64615750 1.00 Transworld Sport 64631798 **2.00** Shift Adventure Snowriders 15426408 **2.30** NBA Action 78916330 **3.00** Tes

Over-the-top wrestling action. 41859601 **1.00am** WWE: Late Night – Bottom Line 3.00 Tight Lines 41900606 4.00 Moto Plus 72916731 4.30 World Sport 19235809 5.00 European Tour Golf 10031660

MORE4

10.05am A Place In The Sun 10.35 intdown 11.20 Deal Or No De Countdown 11.20 Deal Of No Deal 12.15pm Hill Street Blues 1.15 Film: The Kentuckian (1955) (PG) 3.15 Thirtysomething 4.15 Film: Three Coins In The Fountain (1954) (U) 6.05 Deal Or No Deal 7.00 Grand Designs Abroad 8.00 News 8.30 Jon Stev 9.00 Film: Gallipoli (PG) 11.05 Curb our Enthusiasm 11.50 Jon Stewart 12.20am Grand Designs Abroad

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YOUNG SWISS GRAPPLER ON A ROLL IN THE RING

JUDGING by the last couple of PPV offerings, WWE badly needs a bit **of new blood.** Claudio Castagnoli is the

latest young pretender that Vince and Co have turned to in a bid to freshen things up. He joins TNA old boy Monty Brown among the latest batch

Brown among the latest batch of signings.
Someone quite important has already got their mitts on "Here Comes the Money", so Claudio may have to abandon the Swiss Money Holdings gimmick under which he made his name in Furnee.

which he made nis name in Europe.

In fact, I believe King of Kings has been nabbed, too, by someone a few rungs up the ladder!

So the Kings of Wrestling are consigned to independent wrestling history, particularly if the other half Chris Hero is signed up too, as FT has heard.

Snared

Castagnoli declined to tell me about his partner's career plans but reckons he himself was picked up on the strength of his all-round game.

me. He said: "The biggest promotion the world always needs new

In the world always needs new talent.

"So they keep their eyes open for people who they think are good enough to be part of them. They look for different things.
"I think I differentiate myself from the other talent by being from Switzerland.
"Tm sure that was a factor. I know they've seen my singles stuff but I also know they've seen some of my tag-team matches with Chris Hero."

If, like FT, you've enjoyed his heel work in the past couple of years, particularly in ROH, it's obvious that Claudio has ability in the ring and a look that snared the the ring and a look that snared the size fetishists in Stamford. At 6ft 5in and 250lbs wet through he's perfect WWE cannon fodder.

Let's hope it doesn't come to that. FT, for one, would be up for an IRS revival with a foreign flavour. As long as he remains CC and not Triple C, he'll be just fine. He seems unfazed: "I'm trying to make the best out of every situation and use it to my advantage, which because of my superior Swiss intellect, works out pretty good."

good."
He prefers the prospect of working on Smackdown, adding: "I like the colour blue.
"Also, because they have some fellow Europeans on their roster,

They've seen my **Chris Hero** matches

I think that'd be really interesting. I guess we'll have to find out."
Ring Of Honour is making waves
Stateside without television and
CC has no fear for the health of his
former employers.
FT is on record objecting to guys
being bought out of the indies
scene (the fantastic James Gibson
is the best example) and then hidden from public view or buried in
the WWE.
Castagnoli is pleased ROH is

then from putter view of variet in the WWE.

Castagnoli is pleased ROH is rocking, and although they have a problem with champion Bryan Danielson's shoulder injury, is confident they are going from strength to strength.

He explained: "I'd say it's very healthy. ROH just sold out the Manhattan centre in the middle of New York – without any TV exposure, that is.
"They sold out both buildings

exposure, that is.
"They sold out both buildings

here in the UK. Also, the houses are constantly going up, and the shows get better and better - the Kings of Wrestling had their part in that, too."

ROH, of course, is back here next April. Tickets are on sale next Wednesday.

But if you want to see Claudio in action before then, and possibly for the last time as an independent, get down to Colchester, Essex, on Sunday night for the X-Sports Wrestling show at the Hippodrome nightclub.

nightclub.

Crack Crack
It's in a nightclub, so guess what? It's over18s only I'm afraid.
Tickets are from 07845 640 637 or XSportsWrestling @aol.com for tickets.
FT isn't entirely sure but Claudio may be the first Swiss wrestler to make it on to WWE TV.
Let's just hope WWE TV.
Let's just hope
he avoids a tag
team with
Sylvain – and
that he gets
a fair crack of
the whip. YANKEE DOODLE DANDY: Claudio was the Swiss man with the dollars in ROH

Come on if you think you're hard enough! E-mail me with your views... I dare you!



I can't bear strain

I'M under so much pressure from my parents to do well at school.

parents to do well at school.

They're constantly going on at me to study harder and get better grades.

They warn that if I don't get to uni and achieve a good degree, then I'll be on the scrapheap.

It's so unfair. I feel that they're heaping all of their expectations on my shoulders and I'm collapsing under the strain.

Neither of them went on to higher education or worked in professional jobs but they expect me tog o all the way.

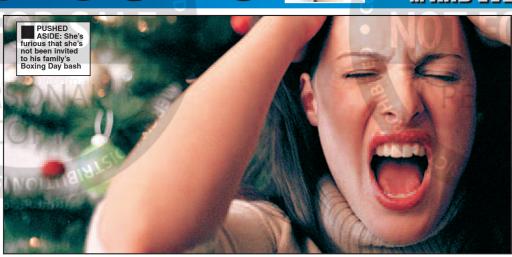
I'm in the sixth form and I've got my teachers jabbering away in one ear and my parents nagging in the other. Sometimes I feel like walking away from the lot of them feel like walking awa from the lot of them.

JANE SAYS: Clearly

JANE SAYS: Clearly your parents want you to do well and achieve your potential. Maybe they believe that they didn't have the opportunities that you have and so are determined for you to succeed.

But I'm sure they'd

But I'm sure they'd hate to hear that you're feeling overwhelmed. Please make a point of speaking to them like an adult. Don't be tempted to shout or sulk, simply explain that you need understanding and support. Suggest that you all go to the school for some pastoral support. Remember that you can always call The Samaritans (08457 999990) if you need to talk.



WHEN my husband and I broke up, we agreed that we'd keep things civilised for the sake of the

children.His family have always been great party-givers and he promised that I'd always be invited along to any future shindigs. But my children have just told me that their

grandparents are organising a huge Boxing Day bash – and I've not been invited.
I'm very hurt, especially as I'll be alone that day – I'm having the children on Christmas Day, he's having them on Boxing Day.
I've tackled my ex about this and he reckons that there are too many people going and there simply won't be enough room for me.
But how can one more make any difference?

My daughter is 14 and the other night she caught me crying about it.
The poor lamb was very upset and hinted that it could be because her dad's girlfriend is going

Girlfriend? I didn't know anything about any girlfriend and this has devastated me even

Again, my ex and I promised each other that

new relationships until my daughter hits 18 and goes to university.

I just feel betrayed all the

I just feel betrayed all the rules we agreed upon are being broken by him and I feel cast aside and useless. My daughter insists that she hasn't met this new woman yet. But how can I believe anything that anyone says any more?

JANE SAYS: I understand JANE SAYS: I understand that you're hurting very badly right now. Christmas is always a very difficult time for the recently divorced.

divorced.

But I can't help feeling that you're being a little unrealistic. The truth is that you and your ex have now formally parted. He's free to do what he wants,

just as you are.
If he wants to date a new nr ne wants to date a new partner, then he's entitled to do so – no matter how many promises he made during your break-up. Situations change.

Situations change.
As for the party, maybe his family would find it too embarrassing to have you there. Maybe they all crave a fresh start too.

Please don't take any of Please don't take any of this personally because your lives have moved on. Contact your own friends and family and organise your own party on Boxing Day – it's the only way forward forward.

TO **REPLY**

olent ex-boyfriend on to cripple his rife and I firmly e that my dad my life. NAME WITHHELD

YOUR reader has got to trust her ncts. She – and her le family – have got ep in and confront

thug. hey've got to put on a bw of solidarity and tect their vulnerable ld from him. MS B. KRAWCZYK, Ealing, west London.

WHAT can a mother do? I begged my teenage daughter to dump her violent boyfriend but she said she loved him.
They're still together 10 years later and her life is heli. But it was her decision and her choice

ce. MRS M O'CONNOR Liverpool

Here is this week's letter. What do you think this reader should do? Your answers will appear in TWO WEEKS.

MY friends are nothing but a ounch of aggressive

cows.
There's no loyalty or love in our group of eight girls. Everyone slags each other off all the time.
There's so much jealousy, resentment and pettiness between

and pettiness between the comments and pettiness between the comments and comments are comments and comments

crazy. At the moment, one girl is having a massive feud with another over a

boy.
We're all being
encouraged to take
sides and I can't stand
it. I'm 18 and just want
to be friends with every
one and have a nice

New bloke has pulled a fast one

WHEN my new boyfriend asked me to move in with him and his teenage son, I was delighted. He said that I'd have to bring a

to bring a few things to make it homely, so I splashed out a fortune on fluffy duvets, kitchen gadgets, curtains

nd towers. Now he's disappeared, taking all

my stuff with him. His neighbour says that the boy has got cancer and they've gone to London for treatment but I don't know if I

JANE SAYS: I think you'll have to accept that you've been duped. If your boyfriend and all your stuff

have disappeared without a trace, then clearly something fishy has

then clearly sometiming liany has gone on.
Maybe his son is ill, which is tragic, but surely your ex could have called to explain that?
Don't let it make you bitter. Get on with your life slightly older and considerably wiser.

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Aries

(Mar 21-Apr 20)

THE picture is far from gloomy, and you should disappear for the weekend feeling really happy. In fact you might have to make i journey that is more than just a change of scenery. ctually, a relationship works better from a distance. Still, you haven't got this close in ages. Savour the computer for a new perspective on things call. Actually ent. For a new perspective on things, call...

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Taurus

BUSINESS comes before pleasure, and you may have to weigh up various offers judiciously. In fact, certain people will make things easy today, Hypothetically speaking, you've got it made – but you prefer to take charge of your own affairs, and not be beholden to anybody. To see why you don't need an incentive. call... you don't need an incentive. call.

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0906 751 5771 (02) *

Gemini (May 22-June 22)

OTHERS may be more approachable, but they'll be just as emotional, and you won't be moved by someone's advances. Yet they could be surprised by your late arrival, more so when you find out their decision. Does marriage appeal? Never mind. You'll act gallantly. To see why you're more effective in a relationship, call...

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Cancer

(June 23-July 23)

YOU might be under a lot of pressure at the moment, but in this instance work is like a release. However, this doesn't mean that you miss others any less. But you may have some unfinished business to attend to before the day is out. After that, give your body a well-earned rest – know your limits. To see why an ordeal is over, call...

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Leo (July 24-Aug 23)

EVEN if you are shunned, there are many more people who will respond, so no more more people who will respond, so no more stonewalls – you are undoubtedly loved. In fact, you could say you are about to have an emotional revelation, though it's more physical than that. Don't struggle now or you could lose out on a whole lot of fun. To see why you should be forward, call...

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Virgo

(Aug 24-Sep 23)

YOU have virtually no work to do, so why not call it a week. There could, however, be a shake-up in your domestic set-up, or simply a party to arrange. Only your closest family will attend. Remember, you do belong at home – until you move on, that is. To see why the season of goodwill has begun, call...

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(Oct 24-Nov 22)

Libra

(Sep 24-Oct 23)

THERE could be yet another change of plan. Watch and wait. Believe it or not, the ideas of others are not so dissimilar from your own — except for one. However, like most Librans, you have perfected the art of seduction. That's only part of the fun this weekend. To see why fresh hope is given, call...

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Scorpio

YOUR finances may have been seriously depleted. Now you could make the best saving of all. Everyone stands to benefit. Meanwhile, a bit of retail therapy would do you good, especially after today's recommendation. Chose very carefully though, because you could end up with a surplus. To see why you have nothing to lose, call...

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Sagittarius (Nov 23-Dec 21)

VENUS. Pluto and Mars are all tightly bunched together in Sagittarius and you may decide to make an audacious move today.

Once you are in the flow of things, you won't stop. In fact, your actions will confound everyone – that's before you've even finished discussing them. To see why you will leave a firm impression, call...

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Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 20)

YOU may not be asked to join the action. Heaven knows what's going on. Why are others being unnecessarily coy? It really doesn't matter. Rumours mean nothing, and yet, developments that occur this weekend will be a real eye-opener. It's a case of what you see is what you get. To see why you're a lucky so-and-so, call...

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Aquarius (Jan 21-Feb 19)

ATUG-OF-WAR is going on in your heart. And you are in a predicament because you are tied to. A meeting is indicated before the weekend that cuts through all levels. Nor should you fear calling a friend, What have you got to lose? To see why you are glad to make an acquaintance, call...

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Pisces

(Feb 20-Mar 20) BY nature, you tend to be a bit of a reclusive or an outsider. Now, however, you should be prepared to take whatever steps are necessary.

Those in authority will probably be more plain spoken today. In fact, what is implied could help further your ambitions, though there's no rhyme or reason for it. To see why your popularity will increase, call...

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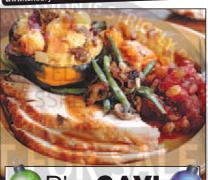
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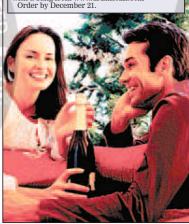
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Fashion features

Available in a choice of black or steel. the glossy finish on this handset gives it

Functional features

open to reveal a 2-megapixel camera that takes high quality pictures and captures video, with results that look amazing when viewed on the phone's 108 x 208 pixel resolution 262K-colour display.

There's a music player that supports MP3 and eAAC formats and a stereo FM radio. The 8800 Sirocco also has exclusive ringtones composed by Brian Eno, as well as a customised user interface specially designed for the phone

Our consumer guide to the latest mobile phones in the market place

You can connect your Sirocco to other compatible electronic devices – including mobiles PCs and headsets – via built in Bluetooth, and save picture files and music tracks to your phone's

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The Sirocco is also a triband-enabled phone, for use almost anywhere in the world, which also makes it the perfect travel companion.

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Who on earth voted Labour? They rip off their own citizens more rip off fuel duty GET EM OUT! and slash fuel taxes NOW! Mick Kent

Why do we need new nuclear weapons? We have already got Tony litmus Blair! Dawn, deep shelter B

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Hey blair can i use me hosepipe 2 wash my car this week-

end? pj
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BOOBS! HIXXY
Ive just seen the album chart. Ha
ha ha, the british public, u r all

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i agree that jane o hates men, should realise women r scheming beasts, lay off the blokes! gary newton to restless, it is natural same happened to our bob but we have harv now which helps. crammydek gaz when r we getting a pay rise? all the lads

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in reply to Stu. I am the Legendary swordsman from Lobley Hill. The Sausage
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i want rach back cos xmas is gonna be lonely! domster
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BIRTHDAY IS. ANY 1 KNOW? BIG SKIDSY, FIFE
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SKIDSY, FIFE

Can someone please tell me what to buy for my boys 18th birthday. PLEASE! Suzy Q = S Wales

duz anyone remember big trak? it wuz a jeep type thing, i want 1 f crimbo. kegster, haydock

2 dragon lady used 2 luv public info films 2! Remembr charile says and bedtime routine? Nostalgia gal can any! remember a choc bar called cabana? bejjo

If we have red and white blood cells, how come blood isn't pink? Bus Driver Damo (insomniac)

If moths like the light so much why do they come out when it's dark? Snowdog

dark? Snowdog

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DEBBIE: "Well, you better hurry up – it looks like it's going to rain and the bloody top's dahn!"

A. BERRY.

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A BERRY,

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ALEC ALEXANDER,
Brixham, Devon.

I HAVE always been against shops displaying their goods outside on pavements, even more so since I saw a dog outside a shoe shop raise its hind leg and give a good soaking to a basket of shoes!

VAL BERMINGHAM,
Old Marston, Oxford.

VAL BERMINOHAM, Old Marston, Oxford.

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'There are few ways in which a man can be more innocently employed than in getting money' – Samuel Johnson

Movers

groovers

TO the offices of specialist broking firm Leap to witness film director Lord Attenborough, 83, lend his support to its charity day and greeting chief executive Michael Spencer, 51, with a kiss on the cheek. Other celebrities included rugby player Lawrence Dallaglio, 34, violinist Vanessa Mae, 28, and actresses Prunella Scales, 74, and Fiona Fullerton, 50. The real stars were back office staff and traders who gave up their bonuses for the day, along with Icap's profits, for charity. They were all hoping to raise £6million for 60 charities, up from £5.2m last year. TO the offices of

THE trophy cupboard at Tesco's headquarters in Hertfordshire must be close to overflowing. It has just been voted most admired company and chief executive Sir Terry Leahy, 50, most admired leader in Management Today's annual poll.

Tesco has taken the two gongs and a record

Tesco has taken the two gongs and a record three out of past four years, though it only managed 136th out of 239 companies in the community and environmental category.

ADVERTISING industry legend Ed Meyer, 79, is to retire from Grey, the New York agency he has run for 36 years and which last year was bought by Britain's WPP, netting

Britain's WPP, netting him £250m. Trade magazine Campaign says Meyer, who called himself as "a benign dictator", has a clause in his contract giving him an office and expenses for five years after retirement.

THE DEALER

HOT GOSSIP

KEEP an eye on communication networks manager Vanco, up 11.75p to 422p yesterday after its biggest UK contract win, worth £18.6million with supermarket Somerfield. Vanco is rumoured to have a deal with a major US company.

First in line to rap Gord

FIRST Choice boss Peter Long yesterday reacted furiously to Gordon Brown's decision to double air duty on flights, branding it a "stealth tax" on summer holidays.

Long said the move outlined in this week's Pre-Budget Report would deter holiday-

makers and give European rivals an edge.

He added: "This has nothing to do with carbon emissions. It is a tax grab and a tax on our customer's summer holidays."

He estimates First Choice customers will pay an extra £21million as part of the plan

FAIR SHARES

BID speculation in bank-ing and insurance – with Barclays, Lloyds TSB and Prudential rumoured tar-gets – boosted FTSE 100 Index 41.2 points to 6131.5. Woolworths surged 15% on rumours of stakebuilding by investor Baugur.

A NATIVE American tribe has bought the Hard Rock Cafe chain in a deal worth £490million.

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The sale to the Florida-based Seminole tribe means Rank, once one of Britain's biggest leisure conglomerates, is now a gaming group focused on Mecca Bingo, Grosvenor Casinos and Blue Square internet and telephone gaming. Once the sale is complete, many expect Rank to be a more vulnerable takeover equity group, the middle east or even William Hill. But the firm's shares fell 11p to 255.5p amid City disappointment at the price Rank achieved for Hard Rock and the company's plans to return only 2350m of the proceeds to shareholders through a 65p a share special dividend.

Bean

Ban

The sale announcement was also accompanied by a downbeat trading statement from the company. This said bingo operations continued to suffer in the wake of the Scottish smoking ban.

The Seminoles are one of America's biggest operators of casinos and hotels, and already operate two Hard Rock hotel and casino complexes.
They are thought to have seen off competition from private equity

groups Permira, TDR
Capital and Apollo
Management to secure
the deal.
Chief executive Ian
Burke said yesterday that
the price of the sale of 124
Hard Rock Cafes, four
hotels and other operations, reflected the sharp
weakening in the US dollar recently.
"The people who are disappointed are ignoring
the fact the pound has
gained against the dollar
considerably," he said.
"We believe this was the
best deal."



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Coffee ain't all white

THE £225million management buyout of coffee chain Caffe Nero was met with a lukewarm reception yesterday. Caffe Nero chief executive Gerry Ford has agreed to pay 270 a share in cash to regain control of the business he founded in 1997. Ford and its largest shareholder Paladin already control 40% and other large investors such as UBS have pledged holdings worth 22.4%. Analysts were looking for 300p a share and Altium's Greg Feehely conceded the deal was "a little shy of hopes". He added: "But with management speak-

ing for 43% of the shares they were always going to have a strong negotiating hand."
Numis broker Steve Davies was also glum. "It's the only offer we are going to get given the situation," he said.
In the September the company received an offer pitched at 300p but that could only proceed with Ford and Paladin's approval so was rejected.
Ford wants to plant his coffee chain in new markets such Scandinavia and the Middle East, a plan some investors con-

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CIGS SHARES ARE SMOK

MORE than £1.2billion was added to the market value of **Benson &** was added to the market value of Benson & Hedges and Silk Cut cigarette maker Gallaher after it emerged that Japan Tobacco is hehind a mystery

behind a mystery takeover bid. Shares in the company

Shares in the company rose by nearly 22% to 1190p a share, valuing the group at £7.8bn amid hopes Gallaher will hold out for more than 1200p. Any JT offer is likely to be in cash with analysts saying the fit between the two is good, so a counter bid is unlikely. Firms

such American Tobacco and American Tobacco and Philip Morris owner Altria have played down bid intentions. But one industry source said their hands might be

forced.

Sparks

Gallaher is one of the few remaining deals if JT's interest sparks a consolidation among

tobacco's big six.
The only of company which can't make a standalone bid is **Imperial Tobacco**, due to market dominance issues.

PR MOU By GEORGE



SOMETIMES I look at a picture of a car, read the Press release that comes with it, then think, "I'd like to drive that".

And guess what? I can.
I simply phone the Press office of the company involved, tell them where I want it delivered, how long I want it for, where they have to pick it up, and there it is. Not a bad job, is it?
Now, as soon as I read the Press release about the new "surprise entry-level" Subaru Impreza Sports Wagon (estate) I thought: "I want one of those. I bet it's great."

And guess what? It is. Which, of course, means that I was right. As SOMETIMES I look at a

usual. Not everything, however, was perfect. I asked for it to be delivered on a Monday and collected the following Tuesday. Instead, it was delivered on the Tuesday and collected on the Monday, which meant that when the guy appeared out of the blue to pick it up, the Impreza was still full of crap and I had to clean it out quickly.

Price

Mind you, as that was the only prob-lem I had, and it was hardly the car's fault, it's not much of a moan, is it? The one thing that attracted me to this particular Impreza, which for once is not of the loony variety, was

its price.
You want four-wheel-drive? Yep. And

you need a fancy low-ratio gearbox for the serious off-road stuff? Yep. And you want a medium-sized estate car with loads of room inside and a better-than-decent boot? Yep. Hmm? And you want set-your-own-temperature climate control, alloy wheels and a CD-stereo? Yep. And you want to pay how much? Ha ha. Twelve and a half grand? Look mate, you're talking about a serious bit of kit here.
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bit of kit here.
Not something only 500 quid more than, say, a 1.4-litre Ford Focus, which doesn't have any of the above. Yet it's true. Bizarre, isn't it? Here's a four-wheel-drive car that comes with a three-year/so,000-mile warranty, three-year, fully-comprehen-

sive, home and roadside repair and recovery package for the whole of Europe, three-year paintwork warranty and 12 years anti-corrosion cover for ... £12,500.

More amazingly, it's incredibly practical, ultra fuel-efficient, totally reliable and also good looking.

So why aren't the roads full of them? What's the problem? And the answer to that is: There isn't one.

Wait

Subaru have entirely sold out of current stocks. Now customers are having to wait until the next shipload docks in January before they can get their hands on one. Magic, or what? Surely there has to be something

wrong. I mean, there must be a catch somewhere. Well, after my week in the 1.5-litre Impreza, which sensibly is only available as an estate, or if you like, big hatchback, I couldn't find much to complain about.

Fair enough, it's not the fastest car around. You'll have to change into fourth (oh, the effort) on long hills and it doesn't exactly storm away from the lights.

Does that matter? Not in the least. Get it going and, in fourth, it's surprisingly quick, while fifth is an excellent cruising gear. Sixth? You don't get sixth, because you simply don't need it.

It's a bit noisy over poor surfaces, and there's a lack of cup-holders but,

a sat nav in battle of the sexes

ney. But that's not all you'll get. Our lucky winners will also receive a trophy — PLUS the two best individual drivers of the day can take their pick from either two tickets to the 200 British Grand Prix, at Silverstone, or the flight of a lifetime in the Road Angel stunt plane.

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GOT your eyes on a Ford C-Max? Then now's the time to visit the showroom, because a new one will be with us in the summer. It gets a slightly changed front, rear and interior, with more space and high intensity front lamps which use light strips instead of bulbs. Sounds like sale time for the current model, which is great anyway. Why wait?

ELEVEN years ago Czech firm Skoda built just 208,000 ears in 2 months. This year they built their 500,000th car of the year, with a month still to go – an increase of 41%. The half-a-millionth car was, aptly, a Roomster, which shows the vast strides Skoda have taken under the ownership of VW. Well done.

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hey, who's bothered? Also, at last, it's a foreign import with a proper, odd-shaped, stereo that won't attract low-life thieving scumbags – because the radio won't fit other cars, which makes it not worth nicking.

Inside, it's not flash, but it's not acky, either. It's just a nice, ultramodern car to be in. Even the door pockets are a good size.

The weird boxer engine makes a funny noise, especially when you change gear but, honestly, I'm clutching at straws here.

Amazing

This is definitely not the most mind-blowing car I've driven this year, in terms of performance, but as far as looks, off-road ability, value for money comfort, equipment and econ-omy are concerned it is, quite simply,

omy are concerned it is, quite simply, amazing. If there's a better deal around I'd like to see it. No, on the other hand ... there isn't. It's incredible.

As I said at the start, Subaru call the 1.5-litre Impreza package a "surprise and delight".

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I'd say that their expression is totally understated. For the money, it's unbelievable.

REAR MIRROR MONSTER: No

way, it's just a sweet-rooming intolorion containing smug-looking drivers.

BACKSIDE BEAUTY: Smart, but with too much boot overhanging the rear wheels. Who cares? It's not a sports car.

PLAYTIME PLEASER: Climate con

NAUGHTY NIGGLES: Rear do extend beyond the windows

TOUCHES: Four-wheel th low-ratio, for real mudarmers and builders.

WONGA WONDER: Sensational. I can't think of a car to come even near it. Incredible value.

WOULD AN ESSEX GIRL LIKE IT? She'd never use the four-wheel-

Q WHAT on earth are anti-submarine seats? I was looking at a Renault Megane at the weekend and the dealer said it had them, but I was too embarrassed to ask for an explanation.

A This is the motor industry making something simple sound complex. An anti-submarine seat stops you from sliding under the lap part of the seat-belt in a heavy frontal collision. This is done by using a special seat design. Your motoring questions answered the experts www.parkers.co.uk

Toyota makes two versions of bhp – but they both use the same al-litre engine.

Which is better?

A lithough they're are different engines.

The 40bhp uses the 1.8 VVT-i engine, while the which uses a more advanced variable value timing system for more grunt. Go for the top engine if you want a proper sports coupe.









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IF you're thinking of moving house, don't go to Bradford.

Why? Because it's Britain's capital for car crime and accidents.

This news comes courtesy of Endsleigh Insurance, who have been studying thousands of claims over the past three years.

The top three towns at risk of car theft were named as Hull, followed by Bradford, then Leeds. Meanwhile, the places with most accidents were named as Bradford, Ilford, and inner London.

Endsleigh compared the frequency of claims in different UK towns and cities compared with the national average.

This means that the report shows the risk of an actual incident occurring rather than just the total number of incidents that have occurred. It also showed that claims for car theft across the UK have fallen by a whopping 31% over the past three years.

Wictim

Endsleigh spokesman Tim Larden said: "The overall picture on car theft is good news for drivers and there is no doubt that improved car security has significantly contributed to this drop in theft. "However there are still simple precautions people can take to avoid falling victim to car theft, like keeping shopping out of sight. Local steps to combat car theft, like CCTV, also contribute towards this fall. Even in the highest risk cities car theft is down. "Crucially, there are a large number of positive initiatives that local councils and police services are implementing to address road safety.

"Congestion charging, drink-driving campaigns and speed cameras, as well as a whole host of other traffic-calming and speed-cutting measures should play a part in bringing accident numbers down." Birmingham, in fourth place, followed inner London as the worst place for accidents. Next came Wolverhampton, High Wycombe, Derby, Colchester, Leicester and Stockport.

The towns with the least accidents were Belfast, Swansea and Cambridge. Next came Aberdeen, Chester, York, Loughborough, Norwich, Preston and Cheltenham.

